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Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the Applicant requests consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

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Information Cited

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A copy of each of the above-identified information is enclosed unless otherwise indicated on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified). It is respectfully requested that:

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3. The citations for the information be printed on any patent which issues from this application.
4. English-language abstracts are provided for those non-english references included herewith except for DE 1,075,477 and FR 929,149.

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Notwithstanding any statements by the Applicant, the Examiner is urged to form his own conclusion regarding the relevance of the cited information.

An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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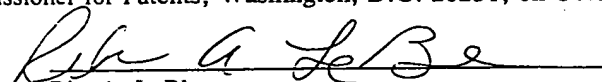
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PART I: Compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97

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PART II: Information Cited

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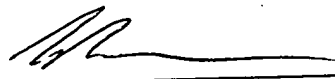
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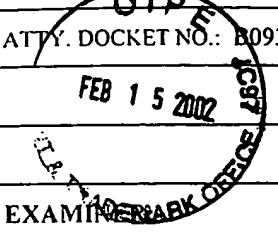
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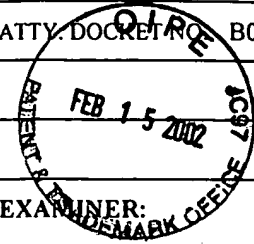
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